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WITH ALTERED SPECIFICITY

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Election and Amendment in Response to the to the Office Action, mailed April 11, 2006, a check for the requisite fee for a four-month extension of time; and a return postcard. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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Respectfully submitted,

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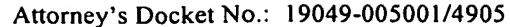
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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed April 11, 2006, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group IV, claims 63-66, drawn to a method of identifying a human protease mutein employing the recited target and species of proteases recited therein. Applicant further elects the species where the target protein is caspases 3; and the species where the protease is granzyme B. All of pending claims 1-7, 9, 11-16, 45-48, 50-54, 56-66 read on the elected species. Hence all claims in the elected group read on the elected species.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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